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Examiner Huynh:

In response to the interview conducted regarding the Harvey application 08/113,329, we provided the attached proposed claim amendments. At the interview, we discussed the fact that the claims are directed to an intermediate station that transmits programming to a subscriber station. The claim amendments are intended to clarify this point.

The amendments do not address how the programming schedule is received. The specification discloses that the programming schedule can be received either from a local input or remotely through a network. See, e.g. Spec. p. 328, ll. 8-13. Dependent claims such as 51 and 52 set forth that the programming schedule is received from a remote information source. As discussed at the interview, the transmission of programming from a transmitter station to a receiver station according to a program schedule distinguishes the claimed invention from the prior art such as Kruger that we discussed. Accordingly, these claim amendments serve to clearly avoid the Kruger reference.

Please contact us with any comments or questions that you may have regarding this proposed amendment.

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